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## OMENE'S BITTER TALE OF WOE

The Fair Circassian's Troubles with the Hotel Metropole.

She Says Her Baggage Is Unjustly Held, and Has Sued for It.

Omens, the lovely Circawian weman who allows Yank Hoe, the Japanese juggler, to flashes of lightning, loud claps of thunder split potatoes on her beautiful white throat with a keen-edged sword, is bemoaning the appearing to be directly over the metropolis. unfortunate chance that brought her to

this country. She declares vehemently that her visit has

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She declares vehemently that her visit has cost her \$9,000, and that most of the money has gons into the poclets of Messrs. Futner & Green, proprietors of the Rotel Metropole.

Omene declares that these gentlemen have used her ungenerously, and then because there ungenerously, and then because there is no seen them money that they claimed was due them they have belt her trunks, which she claims contains articles amounting to \$1,000 in value.

To recover either this amount or her trunks. Omene has begun suit against they claimed was due them they have belt her trunks. Wenth reporter called on Comene this morning. She has secured rooms in the Geneva Club, at 40 West Twenty-fourth street, and here she reinted all her trails and troubles to the reporter.

Omene is a woman of rather recollar beauty. She has well-shaped head, poised on a neck as white as snow and beautiful in its symmetry.

Her complexion is almost a dead white, and the absence in color is reintened by a most remarkable pair of bir black eyes that light upbrilliantly when she grows excited. It is add that it was for love of her that a young newspaper man recently attempted to commit suicide, and no wender, for her claims have turned many a man's head.

When The Evenyou Woest, binan stated the object of his call, Omene's ever amapped with anger. It is over a year since her trouble with the Hotel Metropole proprietors began, but it is still vividly impressed on the fair Circassian's mind.

"When I came over here, she began, "I went to the Hotel Normandie and secured rooms, I paid \$42 a week for rooms alone. That was too expensive, don't you think so't I thought so, too, so I made arrangements to go elsewhere.

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"A dayor so before we moved to the latter place I was called away to Montreal by a telegram announcing the death of one of my daughters—I have two, you know. When I returned I found my manager, Mr. Heimburger, installed in the hotel. He had been there a week.

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"A week later, the bill was presented. It
was for \$300. What do you think of that?"
ejaculated the Circassian, rising and pacing
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Well, I paid it. I was a stranger, and knew not what to do not where to go, and Mr. Heimburger was not much better of. We stayed there about five weeks, when I and Heimburger came to bl. ws. Yank floo broke his hand on Heimburger shead, and it was then, if you will remember, that he could not perform his part at the Union Square Theatre.

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\*\*Yand why? I asked.

\*\*Because Heimburger owes a bill, and you cannot go there or have your trunks until it is paid. I turned my back on him and went to the Normandie.

\*\*I sent Yank Hoe to see Mr. Putney and this conversation occurred:

\*\*Mr. Putney, I want Omene's trunks, said Yank Hoe.

\*\*Well, give us \$100 and you can have them. The fire was far up above the roofs of all the surrounding buildings.

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\*\* We were then force! to leave, to fill our travelling dates, June? I received a letter from Warren W. Foster on beliaff of the proprietors of the Hotel Metropole demanding \$150.50.

\*\* I immediately consulted Lawyer George W. Evision, of 335 Brandway. He demanded the trunks, and what do you think Mr. Putney told thin? It was this:

\*\* I have only one thing belonging to Omene, and that is a recoiver, and if she comes here I will him her brains out.

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Omene said afterwards that she received one trunk, but the contents were in a shameful condition, and she has used none

of the dresses in it since.

Messrs. Princey & Green refuse to see reporters, and merely ay that when Omene pays her bill she will receive her trunks. Baseball To-Day.

Regularly scheduled games: PLAYER' LEAGE.

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Baltimore at Jersey City, Wilmilgt'n at New H'ven. Wash'gton at Worcester, Newark at Hartord. At the Polo Grounds to-day there will be two games, the first beginning at 2 o'clock. Percentages this morning of clubs in the

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CAPT.

Heavy Storms at London and Paris-Floods on the Danube.

Battalion of British Grenadiers to be Banished to Natal.

IPPELAP'S CABLE NEWS SPECIAL ! LONDON, July 18. -After a partial cearstion of the rain for a few days, the metropolis was last evening visited by the heaviest downpour of the season.

The rain fell in torrents for over two hours and the city was flooded.

The rain was accompanied by constant

ran away, causing many accidents.

The lightning played around the dome of St. Paul's with a remarkable brilliancy, but

did no damage. Panis, July 18 .- A thunderstorm of universal violence swept over Paris yesterday.

be lighted. The rain fell in torrents, being driven by high wind.

The lightning was exceptionally vivid, and terrific peals of thunder rent the air. Telegraphic and telephonic communication with Lille and Belgium were suspended.

rose ten feet above its normal height and flooded a large district below the city. A number of houses and fishermen's huts that were invaded by the water have been abandoned.

The Cemetery of the Nameless, lying on the shore of the river, is entirely submerged, visible.

obliged to escape in boats. A Battalion of British Grenadiers

Sentenced to Banishment. THY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION !

LONDON, July 18 .- A Court of Inquiry which has been sitting at the Horse Guards, day, July 7, the day of the expected police strike, has decided that the battalion be banished to Natal for two years for serious breach of discipline.

The Guards are preparing a remonstrance against the decree and will resist the orders for the removal of the Grenadiers, which | leisurely down to his day's work. they denounce as penal transportation to which British soldiers should not submit.

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**Building Totally Destroyed.** 

Horses were startled by the reports and Hairbreadth Escapes of Men and Women Employees.

The darlines was so great that gas had to Five Thousand Telegraph Wires Burned Out-Loss Nearly a Million.

VIENNA, July 18, -Last night the Danube | Prompt Measures Taken by the Company to Resume Business.

"The Western Union Building is afire!" A man shouting these startling words operators were in the restaurant on only the tops of the higher monuments being ran down Broadway towards the colossal the seventh floor, though forty of them structure of the great telegraph company The inhabitants of that section were at 7 o'clock this morning.

Flames were belching forth from the front windows on the sixth floor, twenty feet above the brownstone building on the north.

Men and women were emerging from the basement doors into Broadway and inquiring into the refusal of the Second Dey street, having just completed their Battalion of Grenadiers to parade on Mon-night's work as operators on the seventh and rushed pell-mell to the staircases, not floor of the big building, while other | men and women were entering to take up the day's work at the clickers.

Dennis Gunn, American District messenger boy No. 1,184, was sauntering

No. 1.184 heard the shout. He was quick to act. Running as never messenger-boy rau before, he reached the firealarm box at the corner of Maiden lane and Broadway, and quickly sent out the alarm that brought the engines and trucks from the nearby houses,

They were there in six m'nutes, the affoat here that Augustin Daly proposes to horses panting, the engines puffing and

AN APPALLING TASK. It was an appalling job that the plucky firemen had before them. The fire was

SECOND AND THIRD ALABMS. The officers sent out another and then another, and in less than half an hour there were seventeen engines and four the wildest scenes resulted. trucks at the scene, with Chief Bonner on hand to direct their movements.

HOSE PROM OTHER ROOFS. Lines of hose were united in order to iron railing that skirts the roof and peered make them long enough to reach, and the over towards Fulten street. firemen carried them up through the nearby buildings, while another corps carried ladders up through the American below, and beyond that yawned a vacant District Telegraph building adjoining the lot that extended out to Fulton street, Western Union on Dey street, and by splicing them together made them long enough to reach the roof where the wild saw her. They thought that she was and screaming operators were penned.

down from their perilous perch to safety n the lower roof.

The firemen carried lines of hose brough the buildings of the Mercantile National Pank on the south corner of Broadway and Der street, and G. Greeley A Co., dealers in telegrouph, telephone and railway supplies, next adjoining on THE FIRE MOUNTING UP.

These buildings are five stories high, and from their roofs the firemen suc eceded in throwing streams into the blazing battery and operating rooms, for the fire had now gone up to the seventh floor, and was spreading rapidly all

Upper Floors of the Western Union through the building on those floors. It was approaching 8 o'clock, and fully 600 men and women, day operators and clerks, whose work room is on the seventh floor of the building, had arrived in the street below, and there thanked God that the fire had broken out before rather than after they had begun the day's work.

No less than 20,000 people thronged Broadway, Fulton, Dey, John and Church streets, and business was for gotten.

BROADWAY BUSINESS BLOCKED. None of the dealers in Broadway be tween Fulton and John streets opened their stores, and passage through Broadway and the surrounding streets must be made through a heavy shower from the twenty streams that were speedily turned upon the fire.

Chief Cooney, of Engine 29, the first fireman to arrive on the scene, ran up to the box at the corner of Beekman and Nessau streets and rung a fourth alarm. which brought out all the reserves from s far up as Fifth street. When the fire broke out most of the

were still in the operating-room directly over the battery-room.

## STAMPEDED THE OPERATORS.

Smoke came through the aperture through which the wires pass from the battery-room into the operating-room. It was dense and stifling, and the operators with one accord left their instrument waiting to collect their wearing apparel.

The elevators run no higher than the fifth floor, and the stairways were fast filling with smoke, but the operators succeeded in reaching the fifth floor, where many of them escaped in the two big elevators.

RLEVATORS ON FIRE. The elevators were kept running till the drum operating from above began to smoke and sparks fell from it. Then the lift was abandoned and the rest of the

operators took to the stairs, which were clear of smoke below the fifth floor. The last to leave the operating root were Night Manager Tobin and Chief Operator James Robinson.

Tobin and Robinson remained behind a few minutes to look for the flames They found that the fire was located directly under the "distributing riog," which contains the numerous pneumati the ground with the most powerful tubes of the Associated Press and West

ern Union Company.

up along the wall of the building and into the air directly before them.

Then it was that panie seized them and A SCENE OF TERROR.

The women swayed backward and for ward. One of them clambered up on the

There was forty feet of space between her and the roof of the next building

HOBBIFIED SPECTATORS. A crowd of 500 people in Fulton street about to trust herself in a leap down to Then the men and women clambered the roof below, and with one accord they

1 To:



WESTERN UNION BUILDING AT TIME OF FIRE.

the roof. one, to the roof beneath, while shout after shout went up in encouragement from the

excited crowd below. The throngs in the streets surged to and fro, and 100 policemen from the Church just as rapidly as possible,

BAFFLED BY THE RESORT.

The extreme height of the blazing building made the work of the firemen exceedingly difficult.

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The fourth alarm sent out this morning their records, libraries, valuable scrap in the only saved a great deal of trouble but economized on time asjacil.

A stream from the top of the water tower, extended to its full length, barrely reached the windows of the burning floor on the Broadway side, while there was much waste of water in crossing Devisite to the scene of the buildings opposite to the scene of the fire.

UNIVERSELY FROM THE SECURE STREET OF THE SEW AQUEDUCT RELIPED.

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fro, and 100 policemen from the table street, Old slip and Oak street squads had their bands full in keeping the people out of the way of the firemen, while a thousand heads were thrust out of the wings and heads

EXCITEMENT IN THE ASTOR HOUSE.

The south front of the Astor House, on Versey street, presented a remarkable valued at from \$35 to \$40 each.

ad burned out all the inflammable mate-al at hand.

WHAT WAS BURNED.

The three upper floors of the building the office coats they had on, as their

Then the women were lowered, one by one, to the roof beneath, while shout after work.

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Chief Baldwin and others were already getting their large forces of linemen at work.

GETTING READY TO WORK.

Mr. Humstone said they would start that fire has never yet been known.

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The Company carried its own insurance, the amount of which could not be secretained from the officials at the building.

Chief Bonner's new fire code worked to

THE NEW AQUEDUCT RELIED.

covered Broadway as for south as Wall street, and above the Post-Office on the north, and extended below Nassau and Church streets on the east and west.

The pipe running from the engine near
Wall street threw a strong streem of
water, and there was no letup in the
pressure until long after 9 o'clock, when
thousands of gallons of water had been
drawn from the mains and the building
was florded.

HOW THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED. Mow the fire was discovered.

Martin Dovle, of 50 Trinity place, was at work in the operating-room on the seventh floor when the fire broke out, and was the first to give an alarm.

'It was about 6.55 o'clock when the first traces of the fire were discovered.

'Night Manager Tobin was in charge and there were about twenty operators on the floor. I smelled fire, and in a moment a little cloud of smoke ascended from the 'ring' in the course of the room.

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'Mr. Tobin and several others lifted a trap door and a big cloud of smoke came up. All hands then got hand-grenades and tried to overcome the fire, but a moment later they saw a blaze.

'I was then rushed off to send an alarm, and ran to the corner of Maiden lane and Broadway, where the messenger boy had already rung twice. Sevaral others came up at the same time, as by this time the smoke could be seen from the sidewalk.

CROSSED WIRES TO BLAME, "The fire probably started by the crossing of wires, for when we lifted up the trap the smoke smelled as though it came from rubber-covered wires."

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"After sending the alarm I went back, but everybody had come downstairs.

"The fire blazed very rapidly, and by the time I got back the entire floor was enveloped in smoke."

A. G. Wickes, a clerk at 11 Dey street, also summoned the engines.

He was standing on the street at 7.05 o'clock when he saw smoke issuing from the windows on the seventh floor. He ran around to the engine-house in Church street and notified the firemen.

HALF A MILLION LOSS. At 9 o'clock Thomas Breunan, assistant manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, said that he could not state positively what would be the loss on instruments, wires, battery, &c., but hought it would foot up to, if not exceed, \$500,000.

Mr. Brennan marshalled his day force together at the Telegrapher Chuberness.

Mr. Brennan marshalled his day force together at the Telegraphers' Clubrooms, whence he is sending them in squads to Jersey City, Hoboken, Harlem, Brooklyn and every point in fact where their wires enter the city, and all outside business will be received at these points and delivered throughout the city by messengers. nessengers.
It will take some time before the city ines can be replaced, and put in working

order again.

The first wires that will be gotten in working order will be the long circuits.

Mr. William Henry Smith, general manager of the Associated Press, said;
"I suppose we shall have to realen ourselves to our fate. Our great loss is in the destruction of reference books, contracts and letter books, that held the entire history of the Associated Press from 145 down to the present day.

"The loss is irreparable. The records can never be replaced.
"Mr. Williams and myself suffer a great private loss in papers and books of rare historical value, which we gathered in Europe. AN IRREPARABLE LOSS,

in Europe.

"The pecuniary loss of the Associated Press is comparatively slight. It will probably amount to \$15,000."

The Associated Press has opened offices already in Jersey City, and will receive and send desnatches there to-day. Tomorrow they will be at 415 Broadway, the old B. and O. office. THOSE WHO SUPPER DAMAGES

Ninth Floor-Eitchen and bedrooms for

Tenth Floor-Storerooms for despatches. \$100,000 LOSS ON THE BUILDING. Expert insurance men who were on the put estimated that the building had been damaged at least \$100.000.

It is impossible as yet to ascertain the amount of loss by water in the floors below those on which the fire raged, and equally impossible to state as yet the amounts of insurance.

ONLY ECOM TRADING TO-PAY. Fusiness is practically suspended at the Stock. Petroleum and Consolidated exchanges, only "room trading" being indujed in.

The south front of the Aster House, on Vesey street, presented a remarkable aspect.

The noise in the streets had awakened every guest, and at each window there was a nightcapped head.

As far away as the Brocklyn Bridge there were crowds of people thronging the span over midstream, for from there the big blaze could be seen plainly.

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The fire apparatus called to the scene For said to all instangeness.

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Inspector Williams, New York Police,

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